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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 3758

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS MO CD
SUBJECT: MOROCCAN ASSISTANCE TO CHAD?

REF: NDJAMENA 2292, NDJAMENA 2243

1. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION FROM MOROCCAN OR DIPLOMATIC SOURCES
HERE CONCERNING POSSIBLE MOROCCAN ASSISTANCE TO CHAD. WE WOULD
BE SURPRISED IF KING HASSAN DECIDED AT THIS POINT TO PROVIDE
SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE, PARTICULARLY IN FORM OF MOROCCAN
TROOPS. GOM HAS BEEN TAKING VERY CAUTIOUS APPROACH TOWARD LIBYA,
AND SEEMS UNLIKELY TO WANT TO INFLAME RELATIONS. QADHAFI IS IN
A POSITION TO RETALIATE BY INCREASING MOROCCAN PROBLEMS IN THE
SAHARA THROUGH BEEFING UP LIBYAN ASSISTANCE TO THE POLISARIO.

2. MOROCCANS PROBABLY SEE CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN
SHABA INVASION, TO WHICH THEY FELT COMPELLED TO REACT, AND
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CURRENT CHADIAN SITUATION. FOR EXAMPLE, WE UNDERSTAND FIRM
EVIDENCE OF SOVIET/CUBAN BACKING FOR LIBYA IS LACKING. ALSO
OAU IS CURRENTLY SEIZED WITH THE DISPUTE (LIBREVILLE 1696),
AND CHAD HAS APPARENTLY NOT REQUESTED MILITARY AID THROUGH
THAT ORGANIZATION.

3. FINALLY, WE DOUBT THAT KING, AFTER SUCCESSFUL INTERVENTION

IN ZAIRE, WOULD WANT SO SOON TO INTERVENE ELSEWHERE, ESPECIALLY
IN A REGION WHERE QUICK SUCCESS MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE, THEREBY
GIVING IMPRESSION HE IS READY AT DROP OF HAT TO ASSUME ROLE OF
GENDARME IN AFRICAN CONTINENT.
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